

White Mountain National Forest - Forest Protection Areas



Forest Protection Areas (FPAs) are geographic areas where certain activities are restricted to prevent overuse or damage to National Forest resources. Restrictions may include limits on camping, use of wood or charcoal fires and maximum group size. FPAs surround certain features (trails, ponds, parking areas, etc) with either a 200-foot or 1/4 mile buffer. They are marked with signs as you enter and exit so keep your eyes peeled.

Designated Sites

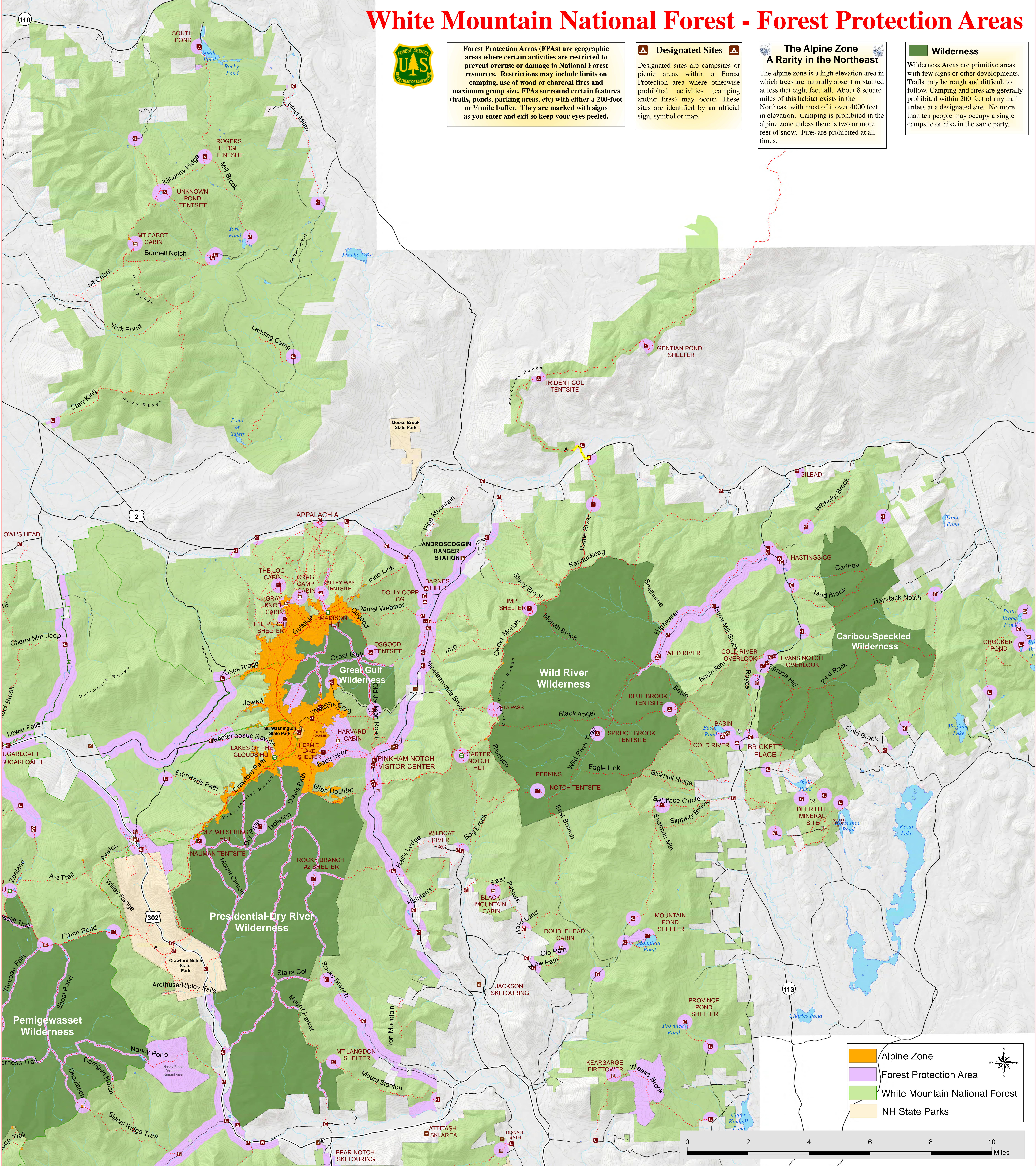
Designated sites are campsites or picnic areas within a Forest Protection area where otherwise prohibited activities (camping and/or fires) may occur. These sites are identified by an official sign, symbol or map.

The Alpine Zone
A Rarity in the Northeast

The alpine zone is a high elevation area in which trees are naturally absent or stunted at less than eight feet tall. About 8 square miles of this habitat exists in the Northeast with most of it over 4000 feet in elevation. Camping is prohibited in the alpine zone unless there is two or more feet of snow. Fires are prohibited at all times.

Wilderness

Wilderness Areas are primitive areas with few signs or other developments. Trails may be rough and difficult to follow. Camping and fires are generally prohibited within 200 feet of any trail unless at a designated site. No more than ten people may occupy a single campsite or hike in the same party.



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